

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 STATE 040589
ORIGIN EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 IO-13 ISO-00 PM-05 DODE-00 ACDA-12 CIAE-00
INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 PA-01 SS-15 SP-02 TRSE-00
NSCE-00 SSO-00 USIE-00 INRE-00 /074 R

DRAFTED BY EUR/RPM:LBRECKON/PM:EDNEWSOM
APPROVED BY PM:RAERICSON, JR-
EUR:JGOODBY
NSC:RBARTHOLOMEW
DOD:WSLOCOMBE
ACDA:JTIMBIE
JCS:RADM. WELCH

-----032687 160111Z /64

O 160001Z FEB 78
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO USMISSION USNATO IMMEDIATE
INFO AMEMBASSY BERN IMMEDIATE
USMISSION GENEVA IMMEDIATE
ALL NATO CAPITALS
CINCLANT NORFOLK VA
USLOSACLANT NORFOLK VA
USCINCEUR VAIHIGEN GER
USNMR SHPAE BE

S E C R E T STATE 040589

BERN FOR WARNKE AND GELB

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: NATO

SUBJECT: NAC CONSULTATIONS ON SALT

REFS: (A) USNATO 1255 (B) STATE 36632

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 040589

1. AS NOTED IN REF (B), WE NOW PROPOSE TO HOLD SALT CON-
SULTATIONS IN THE NAC FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24. PLEASE INFORM
SYG LUNS AND ALLIES THAT WE REGRET THE NEED TO
SHIFT DATES ON SHORT NOTICE, BUT SCHEDULING ON THE 24TH
WILL PERMIT WIDEST POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION FROM GENEVA AND
WASHINGTON.

2. US TEAM WILL INCLUDE ACDA DIRECTOR PAUL WARNKE; DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS DAVID AARON; PM DIRECTOR LESLIE GELB; REGINALD BARTHOLOMEW, SENIOR NSC STAFF MEMBER; PRINCIPAL DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS WALTER SLOCOMBE; REAR ADMIRAL EDWARD WELCH, AND AN ACDA REPRESENTATIVE.

3. FOR GENEVA: SALTDEL IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE NAMES OF OTHER DELEGATION MEMBERS WHO WILL ATTEND NAC MEETING.

4. FOR THE NAC FRIDAY MORNING, WE WOULD PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING AGENDA, WITH THE US LEADING OFF ON EACH ITEM:

-- SALT II STATUS

-- STRATEGIC AND THEATER NUCLEAR ASSESSMENT

-- NON-CIRCUMVENTION ISSUES, AND IMPLICATIONS OF NON-CIRCUMVENTION FOR ALLIANCE COOPERATION

-- SALT III PRINCIPLES

-- GRAY AREA SYSTEMS-AND THE SALT III PRINCIPLES

5. WOULD APPRECIATE SALTDEL GENEVA SENDING TEXT OF PLANNED PRESENTATION ON FIRST AGENDA ITEM AS SOON AS AVAILABLE. US PRESENTATION ON OTHER AGENDA ITEMS WILL BE PREPARED BY AN INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP IN WASHINGTON.

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 STATE 040589

6. WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO HAVE AN EXPERTS' SESSION IN THE AFTERNOON FOR A MORE DETAILED DISCUSSION OF THESE MATTERS. WE ENCOURAGE THE ALLIES TO SEND EXPERTS FROM CAPITALS TO PARTICIPATE.

7. IN PROPOSING OUR AGENDA FOR THE NAC, MISSION SHOULD EXPLAIN THAT THE US PLANS TO PRESENT ITS VIEWS ON THESE OUTSTANDING SALT AND SECURITY ISSUES OF CONCERN TO THE ALLIANCE. WE WOULD HOPE TO ENGAGE IN AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH THE ALLIES WHICH WOULD ENABLE US TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS TOWARD RESOLUTION OF THESE ISSUES ON TERMS SATISFACTORY TO ALLIANCE INTERESTS.

8. FYI WITH THE EXCEPTION OF NON-CIRCUMVENTION, OUR INTENTION IS NOT RPT NOT TO SEEK DEFINITIVE ALLIED POSITIONS ON ANY OF THE ISSUES. ON NON-CIRCUMVENTION, WE DO NOT RPT NOT PLAN TO REQUEST SPECIFIC ALLIED ENDORSEMENT OF OUR INTENTION TO USE THE FALLBACK LANGUAGE. RATHER, WE PLAN TO REVIEW OUR NON-CIRCUMVENTION APPROACH AS THE BEST WAY TO SETTLE THIS ISSUE ON TERMS FAVORABLE TO ALLIANCE INTERESTS. UNLESS MAJOR OBJECTIONS ARE RAISED

WHICH CANNOT BE RESOLVED IN THIS MEETING OR BILATERALLY,
WE WOULD NOT INTEND TO HAVE ANOTHER NAC CONSULTATION ON
THE QUESTION OF THE FALLBACK. WE INTEND THAT THE FALL-
BACK BE USED ONLY WHEN IT WILL SETTLE THE ISSUE. WE WILL
ASSESS WHEN TO USE THE FALLBACK FOR THAT PURPOSE IN THE
LIGHT OF THE EVOLVING NEGOTIATING SITUATION. WE ALSO
PLAN TO PRESENT APPROACHES WHICH THE US BELIEVES BEST FOR
DEALING WITH THE FORM AND STATUS OF THE SALT III PRINCI-
PLES AND SEEK THEIR VIEWS HOW WE MIGHT REFER TO GRAY AREA
SYSTEMS IN THE PRINCIPLES. OUR INTENTION IS NOT RPT NOT
TO SEEK DEFINITIVE ALLIED POSITIONS ON THESE ISSUES,
ALTHOUGH WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE ENSUING DISCUSSION WOULD
ELICIT ALLIED VIEWS LEADING TO SUPPORT FOR THE APPROACHES
WE HAD SUGGESTED. ON ER, WE ARE CONSULTING BILATERALLY
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 04 STATE 040589

WITH THE BRITISH AND
GERMANS ON WHETHER WE SHOULD ALSO ADD THIS TO THE AGENDA.
END FYI. VANCE

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: ALLIANCE, BRIEFING MATERIALS, SALT (ARMS CONTROL), MEETING REPORTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 16 feb 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978STATE040589
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: LBRECKON/PM:EDNEWSOM
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780070-0647
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780246/aaaabmxj.tel
Line Count: 139
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: e87147d5-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN EUR
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 USNATO 1255, 78 STATE 36632
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 17 jun 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3571192
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: NAC CONSULTATIONS ON SALT
TAGS: PARM, OCON, US, UR, NATO, NAC
To: USNATO
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/e87147d5-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014